



Idaho Forest Legacy Program Request for Proposals: FY 2008

Summary

The Idaho Department of Lands is requesting project proposals for consideration for the Forest Legacy Program (FLP) in fiscal year 2008. Private landowners located within one of the six Idaho Forest Legacy Areas with a minimum of five acres and at least 90% forested lands are eligible to apply. The program provides up to 75% of the program costs for the purchase of conservation easements on private forestlands, with at least a 25% match requirement coming from private, state or local sources.

The FLP is a voluntary program that seeks to protect environmentally important forestlands that are threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. The FLP operates on the “willing buyer, willing seller” principle and the program assures that both traditional uses of private lands and the public benefits of America's forests are protected for future generations. The FLP provides an incentive based mechanism to maintain a working forest, protect important fish and wildlife habitat, conserve watershed functions, and maintain recreation opportunities.

Landowners are encouraged to work with a Land Trust or Conservation Organization to develop their project. Applications are evaluated by the Forest Legacy sub-committee to the Idaho Forest Stewardship Advisory Committee using the following three core criteria: *Importance*, *Threatened* and *Strategic*. The *Level of Readiness* and *Supporting Parties* will also be considered when ranking projects. The top three projects from Idaho are submitted to the Regional review and National ranking process for final funding consideration, and funds are awarded to successful projects two years after submitting the initial application.

Proposals must be received by **May 31, 2006** for consideration in fiscal year 2008. All proposals must address the Application Requirements and include *maps*, *photos* and required supporting documentation. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Please submit 2 hard copies and 1 full electronic copy of the project proposal to the attention:

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Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Sponsor Information

Organization: _____ Contact: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Property Information

Forest Legacy Area: Northeast ☐ Northern Panhandle ☐ Southwest ☐
South Central ☐ Southeast ☐ Central ☐

Project Name: _____

Project General Description: _____

Project's Nearest Town: _____ Project County: _____

Project Location: Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

Legal Description: Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Quarter: _____

Project Acres: _____ Cost Per Acre: _____ Total Project Cost: _____

Forest Legacy Program Funding Requested: _____ Non-Federal Cost-Share: _____

Importance

Describe the public benefits gained from the protection and management of the property, including environmental values and the economic and social aspects of the following attributes. Using bullet points for each response (maximum 255 characters per bullet) please address the following attributes:

1. Scenic – In the viewshed of a designated scenic area
2. Fish and wildlife habitat – Important fish or wildlife habitat exists
3. Threatened or Endangered Species Habitat – Site has known habitat for rare, threatened or endangered plants and animals or includes unique forest types or communities
4. Water supply protection – Contiguous riparian area, Sensitive watershed lands, lakefront, buffer to public drinking water supply
5. Forestry – Integral in supporting the local resource-based economy for a community or region and the tract is a foundation to maintain the economic viability of forestry for the community or region
6. Recreation – The property is a public access location or acts as a gateway to increased public access
7. Cultural – Known culturally and historically significant values are located on site

Threatened

Conversion to non-forest uses is possible to imminent and will result in a loss of forest values and public benefits. Using bullet points for each response (maximum 255 characters per bullet), please address the following attributes:

1. Identify Development Potential/Threat (segregated, planned development, etc.):
2. Potential for Conversion (for sale to developer):
3. County Zoning Designation (rural, urban, forest, potential change in status):
4. Adjacent Land Use:
5. What will happen if property isn't conserved within three years?:

Strategic

The project fits within a larger conservation plan, strategy, or initiative and enhances previous conservation investments. Using bullet points for each response (maximum 255 characters per bullet) please address the following attributes:

How the project would:

1. Support Federal/State conservation efforts/plans (i.e. USFS Northwest Forest Plan, Spotted Owl Recovery Plan, WADNR Habitat Conservation Plan, buffers state/federal lands)
2. Complement state and/or federal land investments in the area (land base, land management, land purchase, conservation programs)
3. Be part of an organized land conservation effort (state, regional, local, land trust, initiatives)

Level of Readiness

Using bullet points for each response (maximum 255 characters per bullet), please address the following attributes:

1. Landowner commitment (willing seller, status of negotiations, agreements?; written, verbal, purchase options?)
2. Status of transaction/due diligence (appraisal, conservation easement document, purchase and sale agreement, environmental assessment, baseline documentation, management plan)
3. Describe sources and amounts of non-federal match
4. Describe sources of other federal or private funds and amounts

Supporting Parties

Using bullet points for each response (maximum 255 characters per bullet), please address the following attributes:

1. Be supported by organizations, partners, and stakeholders (List partners, describe big picture, how is organized landscape conservation effort supported?)